

**IN THE UNITED STATES  
DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA**

**UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA,**

**V.**

**LAURA PHILLIPS,  
DEFENDANT.**

**CASE NUMBER**

**2:06-CR-23-WHA**

**MOTION TO EMPLOY  
PSYCHOLOGIST AT GOVERNMENT  
EXPENSE**

**COMES NOW** counsel for the Defendant and moves this Honorable Court pursuant to *Rule 12.2(c), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure*, for an Order allowing counsel to employ and for the issuance of a CJA 21 for Dr. Catherine Boyer, 248 E. Glenn Avenue, Auburn, Alabama 36830, as a clinical and forensic psychologist in this case at the expense of the government by stating the following grounds:

1. Ms. Phillips is indigent and without funds with which to employ a psychologist.
2. As attorney for the defendant, I question the Defendant's intellectual ability with respect to her level of reading, writing, comprehension and ability to understand the consequences of a document driven application process. Counsel believes that it is essential that a mental examination be conducted in advance of trial.
3. Counsel has reason to suspect the Defendant's ability to provide sufficient assistance in preparing her defense; and the mental condition of the defendant at the time

of the offense. Defendant's mental condition will bear on Defendant's guilt of the indicted charges.

4. Counsel has spoken to Dr. Catherine Boyer and she is willing to conduct an evaluation of the Defendant. Dr. Boyer's current rate is \$130.00 per hour and she estimates that this examination along with any testimony may take up to twenty (20) hours to complete. Said charges are to include the following: 1) interviewing the Defendant, 2) review records, 3) Psychological examination, 4) provide written report and 5) be available for testimony during trial.

**WHEREFORE, THE PREMISES CONSIDERED,** Defendant prays that this Honorable Court will issue an Order granting the employment and for the issuance of a CJA 21 for Dr. Catherine Boyer as Clinical & Forensic Psychologist at the government's expense.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED** this the 30th day of May, 2006.

**/s/ Daniel G. Hamm**

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I have this day served a copy of this Motion to Employ Psychologist at Government Expense by electronic transmission or by placing a copy in the United States Mail with sufficient postage for first class delivery to the attorneys named below or parties if not represented by counsel.

**DONE** this the 30th day of May, 2006.

**/s/ Daniel G. Hamm**

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